

Meeting was called to order at 1500 hours by Jim Kopecky the Advisory Board Vice-Chair. The following individuals were in attendance:

James Kopecky, Vice Chair  
Bob Ramos  
Jeremy Taylor  
Susan Thornock  
Judy Lemmon  
Fasi Filiaga  
Frank Maughan  
John Burgett, Resident Representative  
Ross Kearn, Resident  
Terry Schow, Executive Director Utah Department of Veterans Affairs  
Dennis McFall, Deputy Director Utah Department of Veterans Affairs  
Kim Wixon, State Officer, Staff to the Advisory Board  
Kelly Snowball, Nursing Home Administrator, Avalon

### **Welcome and Introduction**

James Kopecky welcomed everyone to the Advisory Board Meeting.

### **State Officer Report:**

Kim briefed on eight projects currently in process at the OVH.

1. Admission and Waiting List Policy has been sent to all on the waiting lists. A needed purge of the waiting lists is occurring as the families realize they are not ready to move to the home and place their name on the inactive waiting list. This is simplifying the admissions and waiting list process.
2. I-15 directional signs. Terry asked Kim to forward the emails between Kim and DOT on this issue.
3. Elimination of weeds and uncontrolled growth outside of fire lane. Kim has contacted a farmer who has indicated the willingness to cut the weeds.
4. Rename 1200 West as "Veterans Way" is still on-going. Frank Maughan has an up-coming meeting with the city council to discuss this.
5. The mailroom is being remodeled to become a display area. Utah Correctional Industries will be doing the work.
6. Kim distributed the Long Island Veterans Home smoking policy. OVH will model its policy on this to become a non-smoking campus.

### **Avalon Report:**

Kelly distributed the Pinnacle report. The GEWOVH received twelve "Best in Class" awards.

Kelly gave a brief outline of the clinical and financial standing of the OVH. Details will be provided to any board member who requests such.

Kelly discussed the addition of more staff in the areas of nursing, drivers, recreation and others.

## Minutes of George E. Wahlen Ogden Veterans' Home Advisory Board Meeting 8-18-11

A discussion was held on a veteran who was not approved for admission to the OVH due to a felony conviction on his record. Kim was tasked to research the VA policy on veterans with felonies.

### **Old Business.**

### **New Business.**

Kim briefed the opportunity to purchase memorial books named "One Who Served" for veterans passing away at the OVH. The book is focused on the Veteran and his or her military career. The OVH will be responsible for annotating the Veterans name on the title page. The family will fill in all other information. The Advisory board approved the purchase of 100 of the books.

Kim distributed a memorandum from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget dated August 17, 2011. In the memorandum the Director instructs all heads of federal departments and agencies to prepare a 5% and 10% decrease in budget levels.

**Next Meeting: September 22, 2011 1500 hours.**

### **Executive Committee Meeting**

June minutes were approved.

A question was asked on exactly what benefit we receive from the Pinnacle report Kelly Snowball briefed. Kim agreed to bring a full outlay of the report and its significance to the next board meeting. This will include a comparison between OVH and the SLVH.

Kim discussed the restricted and non-restricted funds. The major action was a check for \$635 from the restricted account for activities to pay for a Wendover trip for the Veterans. The trip will take place in September.

Kim will distribute the new Advisory Board list with the minutes.

Norm asked how many bricks are still able to be placed in the tower circle. Kim stated that slightly over 400 were in and more than 300 should be able to still be placed.

Dennis McFall gave an update on the two Veterans Homes for Utah.

Dennis M. stated there will be a celebrity golf tournament in Ivins for the fundraising kick off on Sept 23-24.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

The meeting was adjourned at 1600.